

SENATE BILL NO. 109

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO IDENTIFY GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN; AMENDING SECTION 20-7-902, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 20-7-902, MCA, is amended to read:

"20-7-902. School district programs to identify and serve the gifted and talented child. (1) A school district ~~may~~shall identify gifted and talented children and devise programs to serve them.

(2) In identifying gifted and talented children, the school district shall:

- (a) consult with professionally qualified persons and the parents of children being evaluated;
- (b) consider a child's demonstrated or potential gifts or talents; and
- (c) use comprehensive and appropriate assessment methods including objective measures and professional assessment measures."

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Effective date.** [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.

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